

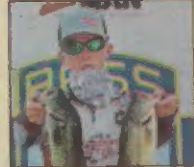
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Coffee County officials arrest suspect for financial exploitation of an elderly person

On Monday, Aug. 10, investigators with the Coffee County Sheriff's Office arrested Martha Lee Byrd, age 59, of Portland, Oregon and Coffee Springs, Alabama. She is believed to have local ties to Coffee and Geneva counties, officials



Martha Byrd

said. Coffee County Chief Deputy R.W. Whitworth said Byrd was charged with one count of financial exploitation of an elderly person — first degree.

"The investigation into this case is ongoing," Whit-

worth said. "Further details will be released when available."

The Coffee County Sheriff's Office is being assisted in this case by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the United States Attorney's Office (Middle District of Alabama), the Alabama Securities Commission, and the 12th Judicial District Attorney's Office.

Assistant city clerk provides new update on Elba's FEMA buyout program from Christmas 2015 flood

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During the Elba City Council meeting held Monday evening, Aug. 10, assistant city clerk Pat Boothe provided the council with an update on the ongoing FEMA buyout program from the Christmas 2015 flood in Elba.

Boothe said the city closed on six properties July 21st from the first group in the program. She said three additional properties would be closed on as soon as some additional needed paperwork is in place.

Out of the six homes already closed on, Boothe said five had been inspected for asbestos and came back negative. Therefore, she said demolition of the properties is upcoming with the first set to begin Thursday, Aug. 13th. She said the hope was to demo two more next week and so forth.

Boothe said there are 18 properties included in the second group of homes in the buyout program, and she said the attorney had received the title search on 15 of those 18 properties. She said the appraiser already is working on those as well.

The assistant city clerk also noted that crews were behind this summer with grass cutting around the city. She said it had recently been approved to allow overtime to allow for the

grass cutting to be worked on more and caught up.

As for the ongoing water meter replacement project for the city, Boothe said about 500 water meters had been replaced as of Monday night's council meeting. She said this project was moving along really well.

Police Chief Leslie Hussey told council members that things had been fairly routine with his department the past few weeks, until a thunderstorm Monday afternoon wreaked havoc at the department. He said it appeared the department took a direct hit from lightning with that storm, and it had

knocked out the phones, computers, and more at the department. This happened around 3:45 Monday afternoon, and the chief said the necessary repair folks already were either working on the issues or on their way to work on them Monday night. He said the department would get things up and running again as soon as possible.

He assured the council, however, that 911 would still work. He said if the Elba dispatch was unable to take 911 calls that those

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DRIVER ESCAPES SINGLE VEHICLE ACCIDENT UNINJURED...A mid-morning accident Friday, Aug. 7, at 5447 Coffee County Road 410, was quite harrowing for the driver of the vehicle; however, he did walk away from the scene uninjured. The exact cause of the wreck was not readily known, but the result was the driver of the Chevrolet Impala (pictured above) lost control and ended up front end first in a ditch. Members of the Elba Volunteer Fire Department had to use extrication equipment to get the driver out of the vehicle. After being examined by emergency medical personnel on scene, he reportedly walked away unharmed. Elba Police also responded to the scene of this accident, which was reported at 10:55 a.m. last Friday morning.

Elba Police officers make two arrests, including a fugitive from justice arrest

Two individuals remained in the Coffee County Jail Tuesday afternoon, Aug. 11, after arrests made the day prior by Elba Police.

Bradley Moore, age 40, of Fort Walton Beach, Fla., was arrested Monday, Aug. 10, in Elba and booked into the Coffee County Jail at 7:06 a.m. He was charged with fugitive from justice with bond set at \$100,000.

Also arrested Monday, Aug. 10, by Elba Police was Meagan Hixson, age 25, of Jack, Ala. She was booked into the Coffee County Jail at 7:13 a.m., according to



Bradley Moore and Meagan Hixson

jail records. Hixson was arrested on multiple charges, to include, receiving stolen property [\$5,000 bond]; possession of a controlled substance [\$2,500 bond]; possession of marijuana — second [\$1,000 bond]; and a misdemeanor charge of possession of drug paraphernalia [\$1,000 bond].



TWO-VEHICLE COLLISION ON HWY 203...Emergency personnel in Elba responded Thursday afternoon, Aug. 6, just after 3:30 p.m. to the scene of this two-vehicle accident on Alabama Highway 203 (in front of the Elba Gulf Travel Center and Shoppes at Taylor Crossing). Reports indicated that the black Chevrolet truck was traveling along the 203 Bypass when the driver of the white Chevrolet Tahoe pulled into the oncoming traffic from the travel center parking lot. Only minor injuries were reported from this incident, which was investigated by Elba Police.

Southeast Public Health offices offer COVID-19 testing

The Southeastern Public Health District offers COVID-19 testing in Enterprise, Dothan and Ozark for patients who meet the testing criteria and while supplies are available.

No COVID-19 retesting will be done. Testing is scheduled in Enterprise on Tuesdays, Aug. 18 and 25; and Friday, Aug. 21 from 8:30 until 10:30 a.m. at the Coffee County Health Department, 2841 Neal Metcalf Road Enterprise.

Testing in Dothan will be Wednesdays, Aug. 19 and 26; and Fridays, Aug. 14 and 28 from 8:30 until 10:30 a.m. at the Houston County Farm Center, 1701 East Cottonwood Road, Dothan.

Testing in Ozark will be Thursday, Aug. 13 from 8:30 until 10:30 a.m. at the Ozark Civic Center, 320 E. College St., Ozark.

Symptoms of COVID-19 consist of either cough or shortness of breath (difficulty breathing) or at least two of the following: fever, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, vomiting, diarrhea, sore throat, fatigue, congestion or runny nose, and new loss of taste or

smell.

Testing criteria are as follows:

- Persons with symptoms
- Healthcare facility workers, workers in congregate living settings, and first responders with symptoms
- Persons without symptoms who have underlying medical conditions or disability placing them at a higher risk of complications or screening of other asymptomatic individuals based on a case-by-case review and approval by the state health department or local health jurisdiction

The Alabama Department of Public Health advises the following measures to prevent the spread of

COVID-19:

- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for 20 seconds
- Social distance by staying 6 feet away from others
- Avoid people who are sick
- Stay home if you can; work remotely if possible
- Cover your mouth and nose with a face covering when around others
- Cover coughs and sneezes
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces
- Monitor your health

For more information, contact the Southeastern Public Health District at (334) 792-9070 or visit alabamapublichealth.gov.

Budget hearings announced for Coffee County School System

The Coffee County Board of Education will hold the first public hearing to present the system-wide budget for Fiscal Year 2021 on Thursday, Sept. 3, at 5:30 p.m. The budget hearing will be held at the Board of Education Administrative Office, 400 Reddoch Hill Road, Elba, Ala. during the regularly scheduled board meeting.

A special board meeting and second public hearing will be held at 12 noon on Thursday, Sept. 10, at the Board of Education Administrative Office.

Parents, teachers and interested citizens may attend these budget hearings. Budget forms will be available at the Coffee County Board of Education Superintendent's Office prior to the hearings.

Lieutenant Colonel Juan Carpenter recently graduated from Army's top leadership school

Elba native Juan Carpenter recently graduated from the U.S. Army War College with a Master's degree in strategic studies.

The U.S. Army War College's education curriculum educates and develops board selected senior military officers from the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard, as well as top foreign military officers and civilian officials from a variety of federal agencies, to serve in strategic level command and staff positions worldwide. The program focuses on key concepts in the study of war at the strategic level, including national security policy, strategic leadership, and national strategy with a focus on the relationships among military, economic, diplomatic and informational elements of power in both a domestic and international context, according to an Army news release.

The Army War College has had notable graduates, including President Dwight D. Eisenhower, Generals Omar Bradley, George Patton, Colin Powell and Nor-



Lt. Col. Juan Carpenter

man Schwarzkopf.

Juan is a graduate of Elba High School and a proud member of the Class of 1991. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice from Troy University in 1996 and

earned a Master's degree in organizational leadership from the University of Phoenix in 2006.

He is the son of Lucinda Carpenter of Elba. Juan works at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.

Obituaries

Death notices updated regularly on our website at <www.elba-clipper.com>

KENYATA LASHAY EDMONDSON

Miss Kenyata Lashay "Tookie" Edmondson, age 16, a resident of Jack, Ala., died Wednesday, Aug. 5, 2020, at her home surrounded by her family.



Funeral services were held Aug. 7, 2020 at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel in Elba, Ala., with Rev. Matthew Morris, and Rev. Daniel Bundrick officiating. Burial followed in the Jack Assembly of God Church Cemetery under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home.

Survivors include her parents: Wanda Gayle Edmondson, and Ronny Lyn Edmondson, Jack; **birth mama**: Pricilla Gray, Enterprise, Ala.; **brother**: Jonah Edmondson, Troy, Ala.; **sisters**: Daphne Calhoun, Enterprise, Anna (Marcus) Taylor, Elba, Elizabeth Bonchi, Mobile, Ala., Melissa (Travis) McCulligh, Opp, Ala., Cerra Edmondson, and Keely Edmondson, both of Jack; **nieces**: Hannah, and Sara Grace, along with **nephews**: Brock, and Rhoad.

BARBARA JEAN TURNER

Ms. Barbara Jean Turner, age 82, of Elba, Ala., died peacefully Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2020, in her sleep at the home of her sister, Lynda Turner, in Montgomery, Ala.

Barbara graduated from Dozier High School and received a BS degree from Alabama College (now Montevallo University), Montevallo, Ala. She was a high school teacher in Columbus, Ga. after finishing college. She returned to Elba to help run the family business in 1972 following the death of her father. After the business was later sold, she worked as a social worker for the Coffee County Department of Human Resources for over 25 years before retiring.

She served for many years on the Board of the Salvation Army of Coffee County and the DHR Board.

Graveside services were held Friday, Aug. 7, 2020, at Evergreen Cemetery in Elba with Rev. Diana White officiating. Those wanting to make memorial contributions are asked to do so to Covenant Community Church, 332 Simmons Street, Elba, Alabama 36323.

Barbara was preceded in death by her parents, Nancy and Luell Turner, also of Elba.

Survivors include her four **sisters**: Joyce Lucas, Montgomery, Ala.; Dr. Mary Ann Turner, Richmond, Va.; Lynda Turner, Montgomery, and Lisa Turner Vaughan (Ted), Montgomery; two **nieces**: Kimberly Wallace (Jonathan), Foley, Ala., Nancy Harmon (Lee), Elberta, Ala.; two **great nieces**: Erin Wallace Evans (AJ), and

Taylor Wallace, both of Durham, NC; three **great nephews**: Nicholas Covington, Ocala, Fla., Andrew Wallace, Foley, and Christopher Harmon, Elberta. She also leaves behind many extended family members and friends.

DOROTHY DANIELS

Mrs. Dorothy "Dot" Daniels, age 100, a resident of Elba, Ala., died Sunday, Aug. 9, 2020, at her son's home in Elba.

Graveside services were held Aug. 11, 2020 at New Ebenezer Baptist Church Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Dot was a successful broiler farmer for many years and won awards as being a top producer. She also raised cattle and was fearless on a bush-hog until well into her 90's.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Wilmer Franklin Daniels; her parents, Etta Bedsole Crocker, and William Thomas Servitus Crocker; along with two sons, Fred Daniels and Frank Daniels; and a grandson, Tutt Rhodes. Also preceding her were brothers, Coley Crocker, Pickins Crocker, and Willard Crocker, along with sisters, Pauline Crocker Williams and Jewel Crocker Plymale.

Survivors include a son: Jimmie Daniels, Elba; **daughter**: Judy Rhodes (Mike Trent), Scottsboro, Ala.; **daughters-in-law**: Emily Daniels, Pinkard, Ala., and Martha Anne Daniels, Elba; **grandchildren**: Garrett Daniels, Denise Daniels Williams, Carol Daniels Adams, Merideth Daniels Ortiz, Barrett Rhodes, and Claude Daniels; **great-grandchildren**: Jake Daniels, Madison Daniels, Madalynn Daniels, Merissa Ray, Cassidy Lynn Williams, Angelia Ortiz, Kadie Adams, Levi Daniels, Sara Adams, and Lily Daniels; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Survivors include her sister, Lynda Turner, in Montgomery, Ala.

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Taylor Wallace, both of Durham, NC; three **great nephews**: Nicholas Covington, Ocala, Fla., Andrew Wallace, Foley, and Christopher Harmon, Elberta. She also leaves behind many extended family members and friends.

granddaughters: Samantha Morrow, Elba, and Anna Lyn Morrow, Tuscaloosa, Ala.

MARY COLEMAN

Mrs. Mary Coleman, age 77, died Sunday, Aug. 2, 2020, at her residence in Elba, Ala.

Funeral services were held Aug. 8, 2020 at Cornerstone Church of Jesus Christ, Opp, Ala., with Coleman Funeral of Elba directing.

Mrs. Coleman was born June 15, 1943 to the late George Lindsey and Gladys Hill. She attended Mulberry Elba School. She moved to Enterprise, Ala. in 1980. Mary was faithful there until the Lord directed her to Elba in 2002 under the leadership of Bishop E. H. Hill, pastor of The True Apostolic Church Of Jesus Christ in Elba and Opp, AL. She was an Evangelist in the gospel as well as a Missionary.

She was preceded in death by her parents, George Lindsey and Gladys Hill; husband, Lonnie R. Coleman; two brothers, George Lindsey, and John Lindsey; and one sister, Mary N. Shivers.

Survivors include five sons: Minister Charles (Denise) Hill, Randy (Ginnie) Hill, Deacon Jimmy (Minister Samantha) Morris, Tracy Morris, and one **daughter**: Barbara Hill, all of Elba; one **step daughter**: Alka (Kevin) Smith, Elba; three **step sons**: Jason (Joyce) Coleman, and Dennis Coleman, both of Palm Beach Fla., and Tyrone Coleman, Montgomery, Ala.; **siblings**: Elder J.L. Hill, and Bishop E. H. (Evang. Dorothy) Hill, Elba, Jerry Hill Rochester NY, Cherry (Deanna) Hill, Enterprise, Mack Lindsey, Opp, Aaron Lindsey, Mobile, Ala., Evang. Polly Caldwell, Enterprise, Evang. Jeanette Edwards, Rochester NY, Evang. Annette (Jerome) Reed, Enterprise, Evang. Emma (Mack) Reed, Enterprise, Juanita (Mark) Whitfield, Rochester, Lacey (Nathaniel) Stoudemire, Opp, Polly Stoudemire, Mobile, Ala., and Nettie (Johnny B) Lacey, Opp; two **brothers-in-law**: Oscar (Cathrine) Coleman Jr., Elba, and Lester Willis (Debra) Magwood, Ozark, Ala.; two **sisters-in-law**: Evelyn Barrette, Orlando, Fla., and Emma J. Carter, Niagara Falls, NY; 14 **grandchildren**, eight **step grandchildren**, 28 **great-grandchildren**; and a host of nieces and nephews, cousins, and friends.

Survivors include her sister, Lynda Turner, in Montgomery, Ala.

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BILLY JAMES REDD SR.

Rev. Billy James Redd Sr., age 78, of Enterprise, Ala., died peacefully at home with his family on Saturday, Aug. 8, 2020.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2020, at 2 p.m., at Christ Community Church of God with Rev. Johnny Bryant and Rev. Joey Turman officiating. The family received friends from 1 p.m. until service time. Burial followed at Meadowlawn Cemetery with Searcy Funeral Home directing.

Rev. Redd Sr., a husband, father and grandfather (PaPa) and friend was born in Dallas, Texas on June 16, 1942 to the late Marvin Edward and Mattie Lee Harlow Redd. His family was transferred in the military to Ft. Rucker, Ala. from Dallas and resided in Enterprise in 1954 when he was 11 years old where he met his wife-to-be. They were married 59 years. He attended Enterprise Jr. High, High School and Enterprise Jr. College.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his daughter, Suzanne Lee Redd; and a sister, Alta Faye Griswold.

Survivors include his wife: Sue Hatcher Redd; one **brother**: Troy Redd (Faye), Alba, Texas; two **sisters-in-law**: Jan Fitch (husband Jim deceased) and Ann Estabrook (Phil), both of Enterprise; one **son**: Billy James Redd Jr., Panama City Beach, Fla.; two **daughters**: Lisa Elizabeth Smades (Neil), Humble, Texas, Amy Redd Tucker (Darren), Enterprise; eight **grandchildren**: Ashley LeAnne Smades, Humble, USCG Chief Will L. Lee (Julia), Ocean City, Md., Dallas Dwain Smades, Humble, Stephen Keaton Redd, and Dawson James Redd, both of Panama City Beach, Shelby Lynn Murr (Ryan), Black, Ala., Abigail Reece Nash, Enterprise, and Allison Redd Nash, Panama City Beach; three **great-grandchildren**: Gunner Dwain Perkins, Humble, Brynlee Alaina Murr, Black, Ava Reece Doster, Enterprise, and a loving church family.

Survivors include her sister, Lynda Turner, in Montgomery, Ala.

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THE ELBA CLIPPER • THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2020

Mayoral Forum planned for Thursday evening, Aug. 20, in downtown Elba

The Elba Clipper and Elba Chamber of Commerce announce a jointly sponsored Elba Mayoral Forum set for Thursday, Aug. 20, at 7 p.m. on the courthouse square in downtown Elba.

The Mayoral Forum will feature all three candidates (Chelsea Cooper, Tim Johnson and Tom Maddox) vying for the office of mayor in Elba. Each candidate will be allowed up to 5-minutes for his/her opening statement followed by a question and answer segment. The forum will conclude with final comments from the candidate.

The moderator for the Elba Mayoral Forum will be Ferrin Cox, publisher of The Elba Clipper.

The Elba Mayoral Forum is open to the public to at-

tend. It will be held outdoors due to ongoing COVID-19 safety measures, and all recommended safety guidelines will be in place.

For those not wanting to attend in person, the forum will be available to watch live on The Elba Clipper Facebook page and the Elba Chamber of Commerce Facebook page. Also, the video will be uploaded to The Elba Clipper website shortly after the conclusion of the event.

The forum will be no longer than one hour.

The Elba Municipal election [only the mayor's race is on the ballot] will be held Tuesday, Aug. 25th. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. at the Elba Church of Christ fellowship building, located on the Troy Highway in Elba.

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calls would roll over to the Enterprise dispatch center. He said citizens would not notice any delay with 911 as a result of the issues created by the storm, if needed.

Also, as of Monday night's council meeting Chief Hussey said the information his office had pertaining to the COVID-19 virus indicated only two active cases currently in the city. County-wide, he said that number was in the upper 50's.

After a review of the bills, council members voted to pay the monthly bills totaling \$191,165.04.

The council also approved a resolution Monday night to appoint the 2020

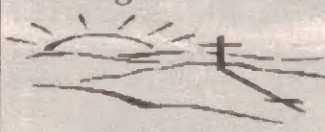
Election Officials [poll workers] for the Aug. 25th municipal election and, if necessary, the Oct. 6th runoff election. For more information on this resolution, see the Public Notices section on Page 7 of today's paper.

Prior to adjourning, the council announced it would hold a joint workshop with the Elba Water and Electric Board on Monday, Aug. 17, at 5:30 p.m. at city hall.

The next regular meeting for the Elba City Council is set for Monday, Aug. 24, at 5:30 p.m. at Elba City Hall. The Elba Water and Electric Board will meet that evening also after the council.

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Dealing with Grief During Summer Holidays and Vacations

Summer is a favorite season for many people. Unfortunately, when you are grieving the loss of a loved one the first summer without them can bring about many challenges. Holidays, parties, and trips may no longer be as fun without your loved one. These events can trigger memories that can in turn magnify your grief.

Holidays - There are several major holidays that occur in the summer. If these were important holidays for you and your loved one you may find them difficult to cope with. The extra time off may leave you feeling more alone. This can be even more difficult given that parties and gatherings where you might have been able to spend time with other loved ones may be limited due to social distancing. It may be helpful to plan ahead for these holiday breaks. If you can't be with other friends or family, try to plan an activity to keep busy. You can make plans to talk or video chat with friends and family if you can't see them in person. If you find you are able to spend a holiday with friends and family, it's ok to leave early if you get tired or overwhelmed.

Vacations - Summer is a big travel season for most people. If you and your loved one used to travel together, it can be difficult to get used to traveling alone. You may also find your travel plans will have to be adjusted or canceled due to current restrictions.

If you are still able to keep your travel plans, make sure to plan activities to keep yourself busy. You may also want to make plans to check in regularly with other friends and family while you are on your trip. However, if your travel plans are canceled, you may want to plan a staycation at home. Try doing something that you wouldn't normally do. Visit some new spots near your home for a hike, try a new class (online if necessary), or try some new water sports such as paddle boarding or kayaking. Remember to continue to reach out to friends and family and take care of yourself. Though this season of grief is challenging, keep in mind that you will eventually start to heal.

If you would like a free funeral decisions guide, please email me at hayesfh@hayesfuneralhome.net

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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"In taking revenge, a man is but even with his enemy; but in passing it over, he is superior." – Sir Francis Bacon

There were 41 e-mails in our SPAM folder recently. Only two of them had English subject lines. One was from Russia offering to upgrade our e-mail service – HA! The other English language one was from another foreign country and also was wanting to sell something. Our German is still good enough to understand some of those foreign language subject lines and we would be embarrassed to translate them for you and/or admit those words had ever been on our computer . . . or in our brain.

Well, my long-time fishing partner has died and now he no longer has to slap yellow flies and mosquitos, nor worry about the weather or wonder if the fish will be biting today. Jake Morrow was as good a fishing partner as anyone could ever want. If you suggested "Let's do . . . whatever", be it change fishing places or tactics, eat our lunch – whatever, his answer was always OK. Also, he could keep yours truly and any nearby fishermen entertained with his wealth of stories. Jake was just as comfortable fishing with a seasoned adult or one of his sons, even in their younger days. Most of his last few years of fishing were with his now departed wife Sammy. My life schedule had gotten so hectic that my fishing virtually stopped about the time of the 1990 flood. Not sure Sammy was there for the fishing or just to be with Jake, but he enjoyed having her along. As our daughter Michele said Sunday, "our ties to the Morrow family are old and deep." Son Chris added, "This d... COVID-19 keeps taking my heroes. I am not happy about it."

Can't move on without noting the death of Dot Daniels, at age 100. We all marveled for years at her spunk every time she came to the office to renew her Elba Clipper subscription or for various others reason.

Shortened census data collecting time? The feds announced last week that they were ending the census collection efforts a full month earlier than previously announced. They have decided they need the extra time of compile the numbers before the deadline to present them to congress. If an accurate count is what they strive for, cutting off a month of counting, on top of COVID-19 stumbling blocks and arguments over counting or not counting illegals, will not give more than a very, very rough estimate of the population and where we are all located.

Coronavirus scams are thriving all across the United States. The latest numbers show the scammers are so good that they have tricked Americans out of at least \$100 million. That is just the reported cases, those too embarrassed to report have gone uncounted! Alabama has seen cases more than double in the past couple of months but are still ranked at only 29 with the number of scam complaints. While we scorn at the thought of people using something as serious as the COVID-19 virus to steal money from their fellow citizens, it is reality and so we can only urge our readers to be careful, be watchful, and don't get sucked into these scams.

The idea of cutting out federal payroll taxes for several months is not a good idea. Oh, it will be nice to have this 6.2% raise for a while, but it is just a loan! Next year this raise will become an additional liability when the Treasury Department starts demanding the money and/or maybe adds it to your income tax bill. Our simple brain just does not understand the purpose of this move. The only people getting this temporary advantage are those who are working a paying job and drawing a paycheck. Also, the repayment requirement will make the weekly check have further to stretch next year. So, what is the objective??

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Governor announces \$100 million of CARES Act funding to nursing homes and hospitals

Governor Kay Ivey on Friday, Aug. 7, awarded \$100 million of the Coronavirus Relief Fund to support two grant programs of up to \$50 million each for nursing homes and hospitals for the purpose of responding to and mitigating the COVID-19 public health emergency.

"While there are many aspects of COVID-19 that we still don't know, one thing that isn't in dispute is our seniors and those with preexisting health conditions fair the worst when contracting the virus," Governor Ivey said. "Protecting our most vulnerable citizens remains a priority for my administration, and it is incumbent to ensure that our nursing homes and hospitals have every tool possible to mitigate the spread of

COVID-19 as well as keep their staff and health care professionals safe as they offer exceptional care to those who are ill."

This allocation of up to \$50 million will be for operational costs that are COVID-19 related, such as PPE, cleaning, personnel costs and other costs incurred related to the pandemic. The Alabama Nursing Home Association Education Foundation, a non-profit (c)(3), previously received \$18.27 million to provide baseline testing for coronavirus and proactive surveillance of the virus for health care personnel and residents of nursing home facilities across Alabama.

"On behalf of Alabama's nursing homes, I thank Governor Ivey for her continued commitment to as-

sisting the residents and staff in our facilities," Brandon Farmer, president and CEO of the Alabama Nursing Home Association, said. "Our nursing homes continue to provide high quality, compassionate care despite the challenges posed by COVID-19. These funds will help cover the unexpected and ongoing costs we incur during this pandemic and allow us to focus on caring for those most vulnerable to this virus."

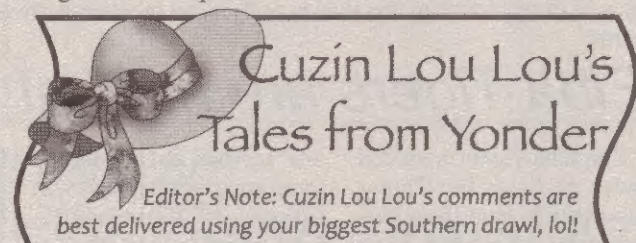
In partnership with the state of Alabama, the Alabama Nursing Home Association Education Foundation will administer the funds fairly and impartially on behalf of the people of Alabama, for all of Alabama's nursing home facilities.

Using criteria established by the state of Alabama, the Alabama Hospital Association will administer the funds of up to \$50 million through a grant program to assist every hospital as they continue to provide care to Alabamians affected by COVID-19 as well as continuing to maintain a safe environment to provide

quality care for all of our citizen's health care needs.

"Despite unprecedented challenges and financial strains as a result of the pandemic, Alabama's hospitals have continued to rise to the occasion in meeting the health care needs of our citizens," Donald E. Williamson, M.D., president of the Alabama Hospital Association, said. "Our hospitals thank Governor Ivey and her administration for the continued support and financial assistance. This will go a long way to ensure hospitals are able to care for all patients who need hospital services and protect their employees while doing so."

Alabama received approximately \$1.9 billion of federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) funding to respond to and mitigate COVID-19. Alabama Act 2020-199 designated up to \$250 million of the Coronavirus Relief Fund to be used to support the delivery of health care and related services to citizens of Alabama related to the coronavirus pandemic.



Cuzin Lou Lou and Sister set out last week to spend some 'social distancing' time on the white sandy beaches of the Florida Panhandle...well, Lou Lou ventured out to the sand. Sister is more of a pool girl, herself. She doesn't care for all the sand that gets into "unnecessary places" as she calls them.

Lou Lou was enjoying the relaxation of soaking up the sun and floating in the salty waters when her eyes surely began deceiving her! There were young ladies on the beach [and later at the pool] that forgot to put on their entire swimsuit!!

"What in the name of Yonder?!?!?" Lou Lou exclaimed. "Surely, that child's mother has no idea she is out in public dressed, or undressed, in that manner!!"

Lou Lou could barely concentrate on her relaxation after seeing the literal bareness on the backside of those small pieces of fabric!

"Wait until I get back to the condo and tell Sister about this one!" she thought.

Upon returning to find Sister coiled up in the recliner reading a book, Lou Lou wasted in explaining the sights she had endured while on the beach. She was certain Sister would be just as caught off guard! She was wrong!!!

"Lou Lou..." Sister said very calmly. "That is the trend now. If you think the thong bikini is bad, you

should see the sling bikini!" "Sling bikini?!?!?" Lou Lou was flabbergasted. "The only sling I know about is on that television right over there!"

Enjoying Lou Lou's confusion over the matter, Sister proceeded to look the sling bikini up on the internet to show Lou Lou some images.

OH. MY. WORD. LOU LOU BEGAN SEEING STARS!

"That is not a swimsuit!" Lou Lou proclaimed. "That is a couple of tiny pieces of fabric tied together pretending to cover your parts!! I have no words!"

"That's a first!" Sister teased some more.

Well...turns out Sister is much more versed in the world of today's swimsuits than Lou Lou as the entire trip to the beach revealed less is more these days. However, you can be assured... Lou Lou kept her parts completely covered the entire trip!!

Although, she was lucky that she was in the water at one point while floating in the Gulf because an unexpected wave caught her off guard, and Lou Lou almost lost her bottoms! Oops!! Good thing her swim suit bottoms are shorts!! :) Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling!



Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, Aug. 4, and Monday, Aug. 10, 2020, conducted the following activity:

TUESDAY, AUG. 4 – Suspicious person reported near 28 County Rd 513 (3:53 a.m.); Domestic complaint reported at the Riviera Motel on Yelverton Ave (9:29 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched on a fire service call at 1621 Caroline St (12:19 p.m.); Theft of property reported at 242 Dr. Roberts Dr (1:35 p.m.); Reckless driver reported on Highland Dr (8:27 p.m.); Assault reported at 2409 Hickman Ave (8:47 p.m.). There were three traffic stops on this date resulting in one no action taken, one warning issued, and one citation issued.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 5 – Criminal mischief reported at 431 Court Ave (8:36 a.m.); Sex offense reported at a residence on Davis St E (8:49 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported on Brunson Circle (1:27 p.m.); Traffic accident reported on Old Samson Rd N (3:41 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 2407 Hickman Ave (5:09 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 119 Old Samson Rd (7:09 p.m.); Harassing communications reported at 20741

Hwy 189 (7:22 p.m.).

THURSDAY, AUG. 6 – Suspicious vehicle reported at 120 Old Samson Rd (12:02 a.m.); Animal complaint on Simmons St (9:22 a.m.); Animal complaint at 1018 Martin Luther King Dr (9:32 a.m.); Traffic accident reported at 990 Hwy 203 (3:32 p.m.); Suspicious person reported on Hwy 87 (5:24 p.m.); Drug activity reported at 529 Claxton Ave (7:12 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported in area of Reese Ave and Payne St (10:54 p.m.). There was one traffic stop on this date resulting in a warning issued.

FRIDAY, AUG. 7 – Identity theft reported at 1243 Farris Ave (7:26 a.m.); Trespassing reported at 529 Claxton Ave (9:18 a.m.); Traffic accident reported at 5447 County Rd 410 (10:55 a.m.); Burglary reported at 720 Dixon St (11:22 a.m.); Animal complaint reported on Lee St (2:30 p.m.). There was one traffic stop on this date resulting in an arrest made.

SATURDAY, AUG. 8 – Domestic complaint reported at the Riviera Motel on Yelverton Ave (4:25 a.m.); Theft of property reported at Dorsey Trailers (6:48 a.m.); Trespassing reported at 887 Old Samson Rd (12:03 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 990 Hwy 203 (8:16 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 105 S Lee St in New Brockton (10:12 p.m.). There were three traffic stops on this date resulting in one warning issued, and no action taken on two.

SUNDAY, AUG. 9 – Theft of property reported on Ann St (11:47 a.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 19780 Hwy 87 (2:41 p.m.); Woods / Grass fire reported at 890 Cedar Lane Dr (3:38 p.m.); Theft of property reported at the Elba Shell Station on Claxton Ave (6:34 p.m.); Verbal altercation reported at 1040 Sunset Blvd (6:47 p.m.). There was one traffic stop on this date with advice given.

MONDAY, AUG. 10 – Suspicious vehicle reported on Industrial Blvd with an arrest made (2:32 a.m.); Domestic complaint reported at Tiger Town Apartments on Collier Circle (12:30 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported on Hwy 84 (3:13 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported on Industrial Blvd with an arrest made (3:40 p.m.); Prowler reported in area of Martin Luther King Dr (11:35 p.m.). There was one traffic stop made on this date resulting in a warning issued.

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SPORTS NEWS

Views From
The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our grandson Lawson, his Mom, Aunt Mel and Uncle Gabe spent the weekend at the beach for a final getaway and despite the high temperatures had a fun weekend in the water and on the sand. With school now in here in Elba it is time for Lawson to get the sand out of his shoes and enjoy his days in the fourth grade with Miss Kim.

For what it is worth....

***I roasted with a hundred or so Elba Tiger football fans at Tiger Stadium last Thursday night to watch the Tigers in action at a controlled scrimmage, and even though it was only their second day in pads the players put on a good show and pumped up the spirits of their fans. It was interesting for me to see the new offense and defense installed by new head coach Marc Sieving, and while there were a few minor hiccups along the way, the players seemed comfortable on both sides of the ball and seemed to have a good grasp of the changes. Elba is down in numbers and may not have the depth as many teams in years past, but have some playmakers on both sides of the ball and should be fun to watch and even more fun to support once the season kicks off.

***The list of Alabama high schools that won't line up for the 2020 football season reached five last week when the Choctaw County Board of Education voted that all fall sports at Southern Choctaw and Choctaw County be delayed for at least nine weeks. The nine-week delay resulted in both schools making the decision to officially cancel the upcoming football season. The board made it clear that all winter and spring sports were not affected by the decision, and that as of now basketball would be played. Both schools compete in Class 1A, Region 2, in football, and since the region only includes seven teams, it means four of the five teams still competing will advance to the state playoffs. The two schools join Barbour County, Sumter County and Greene County as those making the decision to cancel the football season.

***The Southeastern Conference completed the football schedules of its member schools last weekend and many of the college sportswriters are already pointing fingers and accusing the SEC officials of giving Alabama and LSU early Christmas presents. All SEC teams already had their six divisional opponents and two out of division foes on their schedules. So, with the decision to play a 10-team schedule against nothing but conference teams, the SEC office added two games to all the schedules. Alabama's two new games will be against Kentucky and Missouri, while LSU saw Missouri and Vanderbilt added to its slate. It is true the two new games won't scare a lot of Crimson Tide or Bengal Tiger fans, but college football is a big business, and remember the old saying "follow the money." Oh yea, Auburn picked up two pretty solid teams in Tennessee and South Carolina, but the real losers were Arkansas, which picked up Georgia and Florida; Missouri, which added Alabama and LSU; and, Tennessee, which added Texas A & M and Auburn.

***The University of Alabama released the salaries of its ten on-field coaches recently, and while it may be hard to work for head coach Nick Saban, it does pay well! The ten coaches make a combined salary of almost \$9 million per year, led by offensive coordinator Steve Sarkisian at \$2.5 million and defensive coordinator Pete Golding at \$1.225 million. Defensive back coach Charles Kelly is the highest paid position coach with an annual salary of \$800,000, followed closely by tight-ends coach Jeff Banks (\$725,000) and defensive line coach Freddie Roach (\$700,000). The lowest paid position coach is wide receiver coach Holmon Wiggins, who makes a measly \$475,000. Director of Sports Science David Ballou will make a cool \$500,000 this season, while his assistant Matt Rhea will be paid \$450,000 this season. The hours may be long, but the pay ain't bad.

***It was interesting last week to read that Troy and Middle Tennessee were in serious discussions to play a 'home and home' series this season in an attempt to get in as many games as possible. According to reports from the folks up in Tennessee, the teams are looking to playing on either Sept. 5 or Sept. 19 in Murfreesboro, with the rematch set for Nov. 21 in Troy. It is rare for a college team, or even a high school team, to play the same team twice in the same season, but with all the cancellations across the nation due to the pandemic teams have been forced to be creative. Troy has lost home games with Arkansas Pine Bluff and North Carolina State, as well as a road game with Tennessee, while Middle Tennessee has lost games with Duke, Virginia Tech and UConn. Unless a team or teams can be found to fill in the holes, the Trojans will play only one game the entire month of September. Hey, in this wild and crazy season anything goes!



TIGERS READY TO ROAR.... The Elba Tigers held a scrimmage last week at Tiger Stadium and gave the fans a preview of things to come this season as they put in a two-hour workout and got in extra time on offense, defense and special teams.

Elba Tigers are hard at work as season nears

The Elba Tigers practiced under the lights last Thursday night to give their fans a preview of what to look for in the upcoming season, and under the direction of the Tiger coaching staff put in a solid two-hour scrimmage on a hot and humid night on Mack Wood Field.

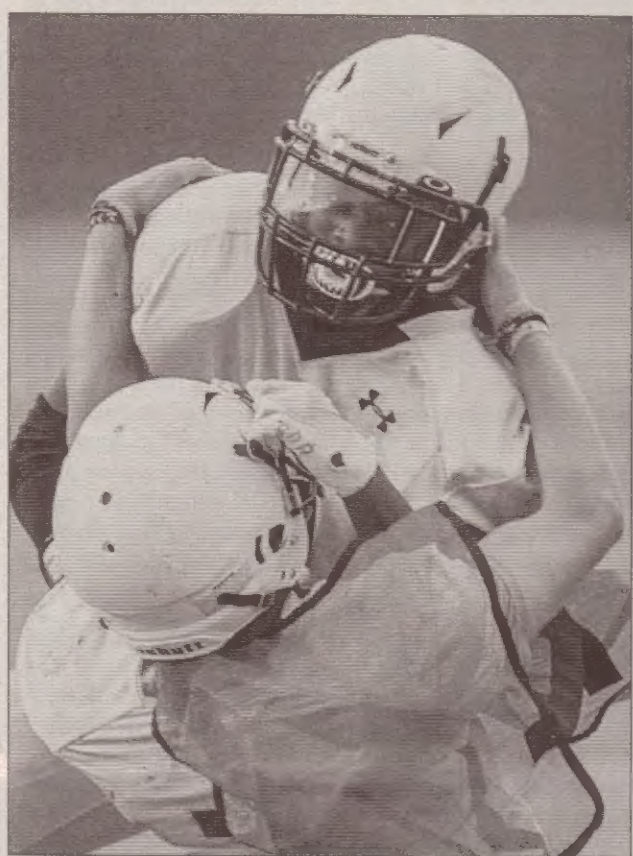
"Considering it was just our second practice in pads I thought it went well," said new Elba Tiger head coach Marc Sieving. "Our goal was to get everyone on film in a variety of game type situations and to get everyone on the field. From that standpoint it was a success, because every single player got the chance to play multiple positions on both the first and second units, and we got it all on tape to allow us to sit down and see just how everyone did. It is never as good as one may think nor as bad as one may think when you are on the field with the players, but the film doesn't lie, and we now have a gauge to see just where we are and where we need to spend some extra time in the days to come."

"On offense we spotted some problems in the offensive line that will have to be corrected," added Sieving, "but that is why we practice, and it is hard to work on blocking in shorts. Our backs ran hard and made some big plays and every-

one seemed to be on the same page when a play was called. Like I said, we did have a few breakdowns in the line and didn't do as good a job passing as we would have liked. However, for the first real scrimmage in pads it really wasn't that bad."

"Over on defense," said Coach Sieving, "we really got after it and passed some big licks. Both the first and second units held their own and played hard, and when they play hard we can help them as coaches do get better. Our second unit gave up some big plays to the first offense, but that was expected, and even with the mistakes I thought the younger guys did a good job and showed us they want to be on this team and want to play."

"I think we did a good job on the kicking game and everyone got the chance to pursue the ball down the field and get in some sprints," said Sieving. "The kicking game is a vital part of the overall team that we work on a great deal, and it was good to get the chance to get in some live punting and extra-point plays in the scrimmage. There is obviously work to do. However, for the first scrimmage and the first time on the big field under the lights we felt good."



An Elba Tiger runner is dragged down by a defender in last week's scrimmage. The Tigers will kickoff the season on Aug. 21 at home against the 3A Daleville Warhawks.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)

"All in all it was a good night to be on the field and I think it gave the players an extra shot of energy after weeks of working in shorts," added Coach Sieving. "We will spend some time breaking down the film to evaluate every player at every position he played, and if necessary will make

some personnel changes that will make us a better team. All the players know they will get the chance to earn a spot on the team every time we practice, and the early scrimmage should make everyone work a little harder in the days to come as we prepare for the season opener on August 21."

Football fans will be allowed in the bleachers

The Alabama Department of Public Health notes that a memo issued Thursday by the Alabama High School Athletic Association (AHSAA) says spectators will be allowed to attend football games and other athletic events, but attendance likely will be significantly reduced. Under the state's current Safer at Home public health order:

"Players, coaches, officials, and spectators may not congregate within 6 feet of a person from another household except to the extent necessary, and only to the extent necessary, for players, coaches, and officials to directly participate in the athletic activity."

That six-foot distancing rule for spectators likely will significantly reduce attendance at most football stadiums and at many other sports venues.

Spectators must wear a mask or other facial covering that covers the nostrils and mouth at all times while within 6 feet of person from another household. Limited exceptions are allowed, such as for children who have not yet entered second grade and for people with medical conditions that prevent them from wearing a facial covering.

State Health Officer Dr. Scott Harris noted that the AHSAA in its memo Thursday said that Best Practices guidance the association is-

sued last month "was created to mitigate - not eliminate - the risk of COVID-19." The memo issued Thursday says schools are "strongly encouraged to establish and follow policies for limiting event attendance in order to comply" with the current public health order, and to require fans to wear facial coverings while entering and exiting the gates, while in the stands, and elsewhere. Dr. Harris stressed that the current public health order applies to schools and school-related events.

In addition, all persons with symptoms and all persons with known exposure to a COVID-19 positive case must quarantine for at least 14 days. Persons who are awaiting test results for COVID-19 should also remain at home until they receive results and guidance from their physician, health-care provider, or the health department. Having a negative test does not eliminate the requirement for home quarantine when persons are close contacts to a COVID-19 positive case or remain symptomatic without another diagnosis. The Back to School Toolkit provides additional information and is available with other school resources at www.alabamapublichealth.gov/covid19/schools.html.

Retesting to obtain negative results, after having COVID-19 infection, is not

recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention or by the Alabama Department of Public Health. Thus, repeat testing is not recommended for return to work or school after a person recovers from COVID-19. For more information, visit alabamapublichealth.gov. The current Safer at Home order can be viewed at the following: www.alabamapublichealth.gov/legal/assets/order-adph-cov-gatherings-072920.pdf

Elba Rec to host free football camp

The Elba Recreation Department will host a FREE Youth Football Camp next week for youngsters ages 7-12.

The camp will be conducted at Miller Memorial Stadium (behind Tiger Town Park). Registration will be on-site. Camp times are: Monday, Aug. 17, from 6-7:30 p.m.; Tuesday, Aug. 18, from 6-7:30 p.m.; and Thursday, Aug. 20, from 6-7:30 p.m.

Call the Elba Recreation Department at 897-6833 for more information.

Also, registration for the Elba Rec's youth football and cheer seasons have been extended with fees suspended until Sept. 1st. This too is for children ages 7-12.

Call the Elba Rec Dept. today at 897-6833 to sign up for football or cheer.

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SPORTS NEWS

In preseason poll
Brantley Bulldogs are ranked #1 in Class 1A

The Alabama Sports Writers Association has released its 2020 preseason high school football poll with four reigning state champions atop the standings in their respective classifications, with three new #1 teams in Classes 1A, 2A and 4A, where defending champs Lanett, Fyffe and UMS-Wright all moved up in class.

Defending state champs Thompson (7A), Oxford (6A), Central Clay County (5A) and Piedmont (3A) are all ranked #1 in the annual preseason poll. The remaining teams ranked atop classifications are American Christian (4A), Leroy (2A) and Brantley (1A).

UMS-Wright, which won three straight 3A titles, is now a 5A school and the Bulldogs are ranked #5, while Fyffe, which won three of the last four 4A crowns, is #2 behind Piedmont in Class 3A, and Lanett, the defending 1A champ, is ranked #2 in Class 2A.

Eight area teams are ranked in the poll, led by the Brantley Bulldogs as the top team in 1A. Eufula, which posted a 9-3 record last season, is ranked #7 in Class 6A, while Providence Christian and Pike County, both 10-win teams from a year ago, are ranked #6 and #7, respectively, in 3A. Arton and Long, which both posted a 10-3 record last season, are ranked #6 and #7, respectively, in the 2A ranks.

Six area teams received votes in the statewide poll, but didn't make it into the 'Top 10,' including (7A) Enterprise; (5A) Carroll, of Ozark; (4A) Geneva; (3A) Opp and New Brockton; and (2A) Elba.

CLASS 7A
Team (first-place); 2019 W-L; Pts
1. Thompson (23); 12-1; 285

2. Central-Phenix City (1); 12-2; 203
3. Hewitt-Trussville; 6-4; 186
4. Hoover; 10-3; 178
5. Auburn; 9-4; 144
6. Fairhope; 6-5; 106
7. James Clemens; 9-3; 59
8. Dothan*; 8-3; 55
9. Theodore; 8-3; 41
10. Prattville; 9-3; 27

Others receiving votes: Austin (7-4) 23, Daphne* (5-5) 20, Spain Park (4-6) 18, Sparkman (8-3) 8, Florence (7-5) 6, Oak Mountain (4-6) 4, Vestavia Hills (7-4) 3, Enterprise (5-6) 2.

CLASS 6A
Team (first-place); 2019 W-L; Pts
1. Oxford (18); 14-1; 267

2. Mountain Brook* (5); 8-3; 222
3. Pinson Valley; 10-3; 160
4. Blount; 8-3; 151
5. McGill-Toolen* (1); 11-1; 146
6. Opelika; 11-2; 141
7. Eufula; 9-3; 54
8. Clay-Chalkville; 10-3; 47
9. Spanish Fort; 9-5; 38
10. Gardendale; 8-4; 37

Others receiving votes: Saraland (10-1) 33, Lee-Montgomery* (7-3) 22, Muscle Shoals (12-1) 19, Stanhope Elmore (9-3) 15, Briarwood* (12-2) 8, Park Crossing (5-8) 8.

CLASS 5A
Team (first-place); 2019 W-L; Pts
1. Central-Clay Co. (12); 13-2; 244
2. Pleasant Grove (8); 13-2;

238
3. St. Paul's* (3); 8-4; 199
4. Ramsay; 10-3; 177
5. UMS-Wright* (1); 14-0; 126
6. Guntersville; 8-3; 81
7. Andalusia*; 10-4; 76
8. Faith-Mobile; 11-1; 75
9 (tie). Alexandria; 8-3; 45
9 (tie). Fairview*; 9-3; 45
Others receiving votes: Tallassee (5-4) 23, Center Point (9-4) 16, Fairfield (3-7) 7, Pike Road* (11-1) 7, Carroll-Ozark (3-6) 4, Demopolis (7-4) 4, Sylacauga (8-3) 1.

CLASS 4A
Team (first-place); 2019 W-L; Pts
1. American Chr. (8); 11-2; 206

2. Bibb Co.* (9); 12-1; 205
3. Vigor* (4); 4-7; 188
4. Etowah*; 9-2; 153
5. Jacksonville (3); 12-3; 119
6. Deshler; 9-4; 116
7. Gordo*; 12-1; 73
8. Madison Co.*; 10-3; 66
9. Madison Aca.*; 5-6; 65
10. Anniston; 9-5; 61

Others receiving votes: Williamson (7-4) 50, Good Hope (8-3) 28, Geneva* (8-3) 20, Cherokee Co. (6-4) 6, Priceville (8-4) 6, Mobile Chr.* (9-5) 4, St. James* (10-2) 2.

CLASS 3A
Team (first-place); 2019 W-L; Pts
1. Piedmont (24); 14-1; 288

2. Fyffe*; 15-0; 215
3. Hillcrest-Evergreen*; 7-5; 173
4. Catholic-Montgomery*; 12-1; 163
5. T.R. Miller; 9-5; 136
6. Providence Chr.; 10-2; 130

7. Pike Co.; 10-1; 66
8. Walter Wellborn; 12-2; 53
9. Reeltown*; 13-2; 50
10. Flomaton; 11-2; 42
Others receiving votes: Ohatchee* (10-1) 31, Opp (4-7) 14, New Brockton* (5-6) 4, Collinsville* (12-2) 2, Excel (3-7) 1.

CLASS 2A
Team (first-place); 2019 W-L; Pts
1. Leroy (18); 11-3; 269

2. Lanett* (4); 14-0; 217
3. Mars Hill Bible*; 14-1; 176
4. Randolph Co.* (2); 11-2; 169
5. Red Bay; 12-1; 141
6. Arton; 10-3; 103
7. G.W. Long; 10-3; 86
8. Luverne; 11-1; 53
9. Addison; 8-3; 39
10. Spring Garden*; 11-2; 39

Others receiving votes: Clarke Co.* (2-8) 33, Elba* (8-4) 15, North Sand Mountain (9-4) 14, Falkville* (7-5) 5, Westbrook Chr. (8-4) 5, Highland Home (3-7) 3, J.U. Blacksher (9-3) 1.

CLASS 1A
Team (first-place); 2019 W-L; Pts
1. Brantley (16); 11-2; 261

2. Sweet Water (7); 11-2; 227
3. Pickens Co.; 11-3; 182
4. Maplesville (1); 9-3; 175
5. Linden; 6-5; 128
6. Decatur Heritage; 12-1; 123
7. Cedar Bluff*; 7-4; 110
8. Notasulga; 6-5; 79
9. Southern Choctaw*; 4-6; 30
10. Marengo; 6-5; 21

Others receiving votes: Fruitdale (5-6) 20, South Lamar (10-2) 10, Donoho (9-2) 2.
(Teams in a new classification is noted with a * by their names)

AHSAA - Winningest Teams of the Decade

Rank	School	Class	Total Games	Wins	Losses	State Titles
1	Fyffe	3A	137	128	9	4
2	Maplesville	1A	133	121	12	3
3	Piedmont	3A	138	121	17	3
4	Hoover	7A	141	121	20	5
5	Spanish Fort	6A	140	119	21	4
6	Gordo	4A	127	105	22	0
7	UMS-Wright	5A	136	113	23	4
8	McGill-Toolen	6A	126	104	22	1
9	St. Paul's	5A	133	108	25	3
10	Central PC	7A	123	99	24	1
(Also)						
13	Elba	2A	127	101	26	2
14	Brantley	1A	126	99	27	1
20	Andalusia	5A	123	92	31	0

In AHSAA

Elba Tigers ranked as one of the winningest high school football teams of the decade

In the August edition of the AHSAA newsletter, the Alabama High School Athletic Association honored the state winningest high school football teams of the past decade (2010-2019) by highlighting the teams' gridiron success in the monthly publication.

Fyffe topped the list with a 128-9 record and four state championships during the decade, followed in the top five by: (2) Maplesville 121-12 and 3 state titles; (3)

Piedmont 121-17 and 3 state titles; (4) Hoover 121-20 and 5 state titles; and, (5) Spanish Fort 119-21 and 4 state titles.

The Elba Tigers were ranked 13th in the statewide list with a record of 101-26 and 2 state titles. The Tigers began the decade in 2010 and 2011 under the direction of Coach Scott Rials and in back-to-back seasons posted a combined 26-2 record with one state title, and the school's first-

ever perfect 15-0 season. The Tigers returned to their glory days under Coach Ed Rigby later in the decade and in a three-year span from 2014-2016 posted a combined record of 38-5 with two trips to the state finals, back-to-back 14-1 seasons, and a state championship.

The Brantley Bulldogs were ranked 14th in the list with a record of 99-27 and one state title. The Bulldogs enjoyed six 10-win seasons

in the decade and in 2012 posted the school's first-ever perfect 15-0 record on their way to a state title. Coach David Lowery led the Bulldogs to a 33-5 combined record and one state title during the three-year span from 2010-2012, while Coach Ashley Kilcrease came in following Lowery and in his first three years at the helm from 2013-2015 led the Bulldogs to a combined record of 33-7.

Pea River included in fish consumption advisory

The Alabama Department of Public Health recently released its fish consumption advisories for 2020, with the advisories are based on data obtained by ADPH in cooperation with the Alabama Department of Environmental Management, the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and the Tennessee Valley Authority. The analysis included 522 samples from 46 collection stations across the state.

The most common contaminants in Alabama include:

Mercury - Originating from natural sources and from pollution, mercury builds up in the tissue or muscle of fish. It can then build up in human tissue for those who eat contaminated fish, leading to heart disease.

Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) - Polychlorinated biphenyls, or PCBs, are man-made compounds. They build up in the fatty parts of fish and can build up in human bodies as well. PCBs have been linked to premature births and developmental problems.

Perfluoralkyl sulfonate (PFOS) - PFOS are organic molecules that contain fluorine. It can accumulate in fish tissues and possibly cause adverse health effects in humans.

Some of the notices advise against eating any fish from a certain area. Others recommend limits on how many times fish varieties should be eaten. Area waterways and lakes named in the list include:

Bay Minette Creek in Baldwin County - Largemouth bass, mercury
Bayou Sara in Mobile County - Largemouth bass, mercury
Big Creek Reservoir in Mobile County - Largemouth bass, mercury

Bilbo Creek at Tombigbee River in Washington County - Largemouth bass, mercury

Black Creek at Bayou Sara confluence in Mobile County - Largemouth bass, mercury

Bon Secour River in the vicinity of County Road 10 Bridge in Baldwin County - Largemouth bass, mercury

Chickasaw Creek in Mobile County - All species, mercury

Cold Creek Swamp in Mobile County - All species, mercury

Cowpen Creek in Baldwin County - All species, mercury

Escatawpa River in vicinity of Highway 98 Bridge in Mobile - Blacktail redbone, mercury; Largemouth bass, mercury; Spotted bass, mercury.

Fish River in multiple places - Largemouth bass, mercury

Fowl River in Mobile County - Largemouth bass, mercury

Halls Mills Creek at Dog River in Mobile County - Largemouth bass, mercury

Magnolia River upstream of Weeks Bay in Baldwin County - Largemouth bass, mercury

Mobile River at Cold Creek - All species, mercury

Negro Slough at Tensaw River in Baldwin County - Largemouth bass, mercury

Rabbit Creek upstream of confluence with Dog River - Largemouth bass, mercury

Tensaw River at L&N Railroad crossing in Baldwin County - Largemouth bass, mercury

Turkey Branch in Baldwin County - Largemouth bass, mercury

Clairborne Reservoir in Monroe County - Largemouth bass, mercury

Blackwater River near pipeline crossing southeast

Robertsdale in Baldwin County - Largemouth bass, mercury

Chattahoochee River near Alabama/Florida state line in Houston County - Largemouth bass, mercury

Cheneyhatchee Creek embayment in Barbour County - Largemouth bass, spotted bass, mercury

Conecuh River at Alabama/Florida state line in Escambia County - Largemouth bass, mercury

Cowikee Creek in Barbour County - Largemouth bass, mercury

Frank Jackson Reservoir at dam forebay in Covington County - Largemouth bass, mercury

Gantt Reservoir in Covington County - Largemouth bass, mercury

Lake Jackson at Alabama/Florida state line at Florala in Covington County - Largemouth bass, mercury

Lake Shelby in Gulf State Park in Baldwin County - Largemouth bass, mercury

Little Escambia Creek at Wolf Log Road in Escambia County - All species, mercury

Murder Creek at Burnt Corn Creek and Conecuh River in Escambia County - All species, mercury

Patsaliga Creek embayment in Covington County - Largemouth bass, mercury

Pea River downstream of Beaverdam Creek at Elba and confluence with Chocatawchatchee River in Coffee County -All species, mercury

Perdido River in vicinity

of Highway 90 bridge in Baldwin County - All species, mercury

Persimmon Creek at Highway 106 west of Georgiana in Butler County - All species, mercury

Point A Reservoir's lower reservoir in Covington County - Largemouth bass, mercury

Sandy Creek due east of Barin Navy Field in Baldwin County - Largemouth bass, mercury

Sepulga River at Brooklyn in Escambia County - All species, mercury

Styx River at Highway 90 bridge in Baldwin County - Largemouth bass, mercury

Thomas Mill Creek in Henry County - Largemouth bass, mercury

Uchee Creek in Russell County - Largemouth bass, mercury

Wolf Creek at Swift Church Road in Baldwin County - Largemouth bass, mercury

Yellow River at County Road 4 bridge in Covington County - All species, mercury

NOTICE:

Due to very low water levels for the Pea River in Elba, Pea River Outdoors currently is closed for its kayaking operations until further notice.

For updates on when water levels have returned to safe levels for kayaking to return at Pea River Outdoors, follow on facebook (@ Pea River Outdoors).

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF

COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

ELBA DIVISION

CASE NO: PC-2020-043

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters of Testamentary of

said deceased having been

granted to the undersigned

on the 23rd day of July,

2020, by the Honorable

Judge of the Probate Court

of Coffee County,

Alabama, notice is hereby

given that all persons

having claims against said

estate are hereby required

to present the same within

the time allowed by law or

the same will be barred.

Witness my hand this the

23rd day of July, 2020.

/s/ MARY K.

GRANTHAM

Personal Representative

7/30, 8-6,13-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF EDWARD HAROLD BERRY DECEASED.

CASE NO. PC 2020-044

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary of said

deceased having been

granted to CANDACE B.

FORBES, Personal Representative

on the 23rd day of July,

2020, by the Honorable

Jodee Thompson, Judge

of Probate of Coffee

County, Alabama, notice is

hereby given that all persons

having claims against said

estate are hereby required

to present the same within

the time allowed by law or

the same will be barred.

/s/ Candace B. Forbes

Candace B. Forbes, Petitioner's

Signature

8/6,13&20-pd.

STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF COFFEE PROBATE COURT

PUBLIC NOTICE REGARDING UPCOMING ALABAMA STATE-WIDE GENERAL ELECTION

Pursuant to §21-4-23(b), of

the *Code of Alabama* (1975),

notice is hereby given of the

following with regard to Coffee

County, Alabama:

1. Instructions, printed in

large type, conspicuously

displayed at each voter registration

site and polling place, sufficient

to provide hearing impaired and

seriously visually impaired individuals

with adequate information as to

how and where they may register

and vote.

2. Each polling place shall

have an AutoMARK Voter Assist

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with disabilities who would

otherwise be prevented from

voting because of their inability

to mark a paper ballot.

3. Absentee ballots are

available to any individual with

a disability or elderly individual

who, because of disability or age,

is unable to go to their assigned

polling place to vote on election

day. The deadlines for requesting

and submitting an absentee

ballot is the same as it is for

other persons seeking to vote

by absentee ballot.

4. Every individual, including

individuals with a disability

or elderly individuals, may

select a person on his or her

choice to accompany such individual

into the polling place to assist

with the marking and casting

the person providing assistance

is not the voting individual's

employer, agent of the voting

individual's employer, or an officer

or agent of the voting individual's

labor union.

5. The Alabama General Election

shall be held November 3, 2020

Jodee R. Thompson Judge of Probate

8/13/1tc

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

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conditions of that certain

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woman, to Troy Bank and

Trust Company, a banking

corporation, on December

28, 2017, and being recorded

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Probate of Coffee County,

Alabama in A/OFFR 176A,

Page 829, said Mortgagee to

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LIFESTYLES



Pictured from left to right: Starla Amison, mother of the groom; Jon Ashley and Michael Ann Amison, honored couple; Cindy Peavy, mother of the bride; and Kayron Shehee, hostess.

Miscellaneous shower honors Amison newlyweds

Sunday afternoon, August 9, 2020, the lovely home of Kelly and Kayron Shehee was the setting for a miscellaneous shower honoring Jon Ashley and Michael Ann Amison.

Jon Ashley and his mother, Starla Amison, had the privilege of introducing his lovely wife, Michael Ann, and her mother, Cindy Peavy, to many friends between the hours of one-thirty and three o'clock in the afternoon.

Although the porch was welcoming, guests quickly entered the home's cool interior. Once through the receiving line, guests were directed to the dining room where the couples' wedding colors of white, pink, gold, and dark green were used to highlight an array of tasty delights. Jane Moseley and Lynn Carnley served.

A starched and ironed Battenberg lace

tablecloth accented a crystal punch bowl surrounded with dark green stems and pink carnations which held a cool refreshing fruity sherbet punch in a lovely shade of pink. Other refreshments included cake squares iced with white and pink curlicues, pink mints, cheese straws, and mixed nuts.

Guests milled around and visited before viewing many lovely gifts in the master bedroom.

Hostesses for this special occasion included: Sally Bane, Vicky Bailey, Margaret Calhoun, Lynn Carnley, Elizabeth Dyess, Anita Grimes, Henrietta Grimes, Kerry Johnson, Doris Matthews, Janice McCall, Millie McCollough, Valiece McKelvey, Valerie Moore, Jane Moseley, Kayron Shehee, Ann Spicer, Ceina Spicer, Kaye Whitworth, and Mona Wise.

Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indian Tribe of Alabama seeks input for annual Low-Income Energy Assistant grant

The Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indian Tribe of Alabama is seeking public input for the preparation of its annual Low-Income Energy Assistance (LI-HEAP) grant.

The grant, which is for the fiscal year 2021, allows for financial assistances for tribal members to cover the cost associated with heating/cooling, home weatherization, and crisis instances such as those with documented medical conditions, experiencing a sudden job loss or other benefits and income, heat-

ing equipment malfunction, domestic violence and those with shut off notices. Tribal citizens must live in Coffee, Crenshaw, Covington, Dale, Geneva, Houston, Henry, Pike, Bullock, and Montgomery counties. The grant covers applicable charges from Oct. 1, 2020, through March 15, 2021.

The application is tentatively set for October, and applicants are required to meet the income guidelines based on family size.

Those wishing to submit public comments should

machis@centurytel.net or call 334-897-3207. Deadline for public comment is August 15, 2020.

The Tribe will announce the application period once the direct LIHEAP funding is received from the federal government.

Coffee County Conservation District meeting set for Aug. 13th

The Coffee County Conservation District will hold its monthly board meeting Thursday, Aug. 13, at the Coffee County Commission Room, 1065 E. McKinnon Street, New Brockton, Ala.

The meeting will start at 10 a.m. Space is limited due to COVID-19 safety procedures in place; therefore, if planning to attend call 334-894-5581 ext. 3 ahead of time.

Lifestyles News is Due on Mondays!

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Scripture: The Beginning of Knowledge. Proverbs 1: 1-7

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July Birthdays / Anniversaries

Katherine Williams 7/27
Henry and Nobie Rayborn 7/27 W.A.
Myron K. Duncan 7/28
Mary Starks 7/28
Vivian M. Cole 7/28
Martha Snell 7/28
Willie Calvin Tillis Sr. 7/29
Grace Daniels 7/30
Katie Brooks 7/30 (in memory)
Travis Nunn 7/30 (in memory)
Freddie Culver 7/31
Jimmy and Yvonne Jones 7/31 W.A.

** Eating with Sinners

Lawrence of Arabia was one of the most adventurous personalities of World War I. During his travels through the Middle East, he found hospitality in the home of a desert sheik who was thought to be on the side of the enemy. After they had eaten together, the sheik told Lawrence that he would no longer be in any danger. According to the social customs of the Middle East, once two men had eaten together there was a bond between them.

This custom is still observed. An Arab bus driver for the Holy Land tour bought bread and gave some to every tourist. "Now we are friends," he told them, "because we have eaten together."

Such a perspective helps us understand the Pharisees and Scribes' evaluations of Jesus: "This man receiveth sinners, and eateth with them." Jesus is a friend of sinners! How appalling! Of course, we realize that if Jesus had not eaten with sinners, He would always have eaten alone. There was no one else with whom He

could eat! True, He was eating with sinners, but His critics were sinners too – as are we all. In fact, Jesus came to our world not only to eat with sinners, but to die for them. He is a friend of sinners! How Amazing! – R.C.S.

Question / Answer Section Q/A for the Week of 8-6-20 – Fill in the Blanks

Q: Name the four types of soil where the seed fell in Jesus' parable?

A: 1. Wayside 2. Stony place 3. Thorns 4. Good Ground [Matthew 13: 4-8]

Q: Christians are _____ by the precious blood of Christ.

A: Redeemed [1 Peter 1: 18-19]

Thought to Remember

We need to know God's Truth to expose Satan's lies

Questions for the Week of 8-13-20

Fill in the Blanks

Q: Jesus said He did not find faith as great as the centurion's in _____.

Q: Some Corinthians doubted that _____ spoke through Paul.

Today is a good day! Be grateful.

Eria's Daughter, Sue

Troy announces recent graduates from local area

Troy University recognizes students who completed the requirements for graduation during the Summer Semester and Term 5 of the 2019/2020 academic year.

The summer semester includes graduates from the Troy, Ala., campus. Term 5 graduates include students at TROY's campuses in Dothan, Phenix City and Montgomery, Ala., along with teaching sites outside of Alabama and online.

Local area graduates included: Hannah Carter of Jack, Ala.; Donna Farris of Kinston, Ala.; Jasmine Henderson of Elba, Ala.; Veronica Hughes of Jack, Ala.; Karizmah Magwood of Elba, Ala.; and Sarah Weeks of Elba, Ala.

Election Notices from the City of Elba:

• **The public is hereby notified** that on Tuesday Aug. 18, at 5:50 p.m., there will be an Election Officials Training Class held at Elba City Hall.

• **The Public is hereby notified** that on Monday Aug. 24, at 11 a.m., there will be a Public Testing of the Precinct Ballot Counters to be used in the August 25th Municipal Election for the City of Elba at the Elba Church of Christ fellowship hall.

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THE MAYOR FOR ELBA'S FUTURE!



Born and raised in Elba, Alabama, Chelsea is a 2002 graduate of Elba High School. Chelsea pursued her undergraduate at the University of South Alabama before attending law school on a full scholarship at the University of Alabama. Gavin and Chelsea chose to return to their hometown of Elba to raise their family. They have two wonderful daughters, Cora (7) and Farris (3).

THE ISSUES...

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Chelsea is committed to recruiting new small business and industry to Elba while also supporting the growth and development of the businesses that have made the commitment to stay in Elba. We want our children to have the opportunity to stay in Elba and thrive in their careers.

CRIME & HOMELESSNESS: You should feel safe in your home. Elba needs strong leadership to encourage Police to investigate crimes, secure warrants, and arrest criminals. Elba needs a proactive approach in tackling the issues of drug abuse and homelessness, which are far too widespread in a town of 4,000 citizens.

HOUSING AND RECREATION: Chelsea believes that, in order to recruit new businesses and industry, you must have a town in which people want to live. Elba has an abundance of natural resources for outdoor enthusiasts, as well as family friendly parks, and an active recreation department. Chelsea also believes that new housing development is critical to attracting the young families that Elba is consistently losing to neighboring towns.

SCHOOLS: As graduates of Elba High School with children coming up in the Elba City School system, Chelsea and Gavin are committed advocates for excellence in our city schools.

INFRASTRUCTURE: Chelsea believes that our citizens deserve well-maintained streets and that the City of Elba should prioritize repairs and paving based on severity of the problem, not what street it's on.

★ MAYOR ★

COOPER

★ 2020 ★

Pd. Pol. Adv. by Committee to Elect Chelsea Cooper, PO Box 528, Elba, AL 36323

PUBLIC NOTICES:

(Continued from Page 6)

RESOLUTION NO. 08102020

A Resolution to Appoint the 2020 Election Officials

WHEREAS, a regular municipal election has been called to be held on the 25th day of August 2020, and a runoff election to be held, if necessary, on the 6th day of October 2020; and

WHEREAS, Section 11-46-27 of the Alabama Code of 1975, and regulations adopted pursuant thereto provide, in part, that the municipal governing body, no less than 10 days before holding of any municipal election, appoint from the municipality, officers to hold the election as follows: where electronic ballot counters are used, at least one inspector and three clerks; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Elba, Alabama, that the 2020 Election Officers for said election shall be as follows:

Inspector: Cabert Mills

Registration Clerk: Velma Moore, Elaine Bullard

Ballot Clerk: Mac Moore, John Robert Smith

Poll List Clerk: Linda Smith

Assistant: Peggy Stroud

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED; the City Clerk may amend the above list as

needed due to unforeseen circumstances.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS THE 10TH DAY OF AUGUST 2020.

By: /s/ Mickey L. Murdock
Mickey L. Murdock, Mayor

Attest: /s/ Sally Bane
Sally Bane, City Clerk
8/13-chg.

Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indian Tribe of Alabama now accepting applications for assistance through annual Low-Income Energy Assistance (LIHEAP) grant award

The grant, which is for the fiscal year 2020, allows for financial assistance for tribal members to cover the cost associated with cooling, home weatherization, and crisis instances such as those with documented medical conditions, experiencing a sudden job loss or other benefits and income, heating equipment malfunction, domestic violence and those with shut off notices. Tribal citizens must live in Coffee, Crenshaw, Covington, Dale, Geneva, Houston, Henry, Pike, Bullock, and Montgomery counties. The grant covers applicable charges from June 1, 2020, through September 30, 2020. Applicants are required to meet the following income guidelines based on family size:

Household size	Income limit
1	\$19,140
2	\$25,860
3	\$32,580
4	\$39,300
5	\$46,020
6	\$52,740
7	\$59,460
8	\$66,180

Additionally, applicants must not have received any other energy assistance program funding, and the Tribe does consider households categorically eligible if one household member receives one or more of TANF, SSI, SNAP, or Means-tested Veterans Programs.

To apply, tribal members must provide the following:

- Valid ID such as a driver's license, state ID, tribal ID, and tribal enrollment verification;
 - Social Security cards for all members of the household;
 - Income verification for all household members; and,
 - a current utility bill (electric, natural gas or propane).
- Payments are made directly to the energy supplier. To receive an application, email machis@centurytel.net or call 334-897-3207. Deadline for applications is August 30, 2020.

New USDA survey to measure areas for improvement

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced a new annual survey of farmers, ranchers and private forestland owners. The survey will help USDA understand what it is doing well and where improvements are needed, specifically at the Farm Service Agency (FSA), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and Risk Management Agency (RMA).

A selection of 28,000 producers will receive the survey over the next few weeks, but all farmers are encouraged to take the survey at farmers.gov/survey.

The survey consists of 20 questions and takes approximately 10 minutes to complete. Responses are confidential, and individual responses will be aggregated.

The survey will be open for at least six weeks and will be closed once USDA receives a 30% response rate.

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"Challenges are what make life interesting. Overcoming them is what makes life meaningful." - Joshua J. Marine

Zion Chapel Bass Team anglers participate in state tourney

The Zion Chapel Bass Team finished volume one of its historical first year of bass tournament fishing.

Two of the ZC teams, Caleb Devos/Trevor Lee and Avery Padgett/Ethan Young, qualified to fish in the state championship tournament held July 24-25, at Lake Guntersville. The state championship tournament is made up of the top finishers in the Tiger Division (south Alabama) and the Tide Division (north Alabama).

There was a total of 197 boats in competition. This was a case of fishing with the best.

Once again, the team was fishing in uncharted waters. For this reason, they traveled to north Alabama on Wednesday, July 22, to get in some practice fishing for a couple of days. Although they experienced some problems, as tournament fishing goes, they ironed out those issues and regrouped for two days of tournament fishing.

Goose Pond in Scottsboro, Ala., hosted the launch site and weigh-in for the Alabama BASS Nation State Championship Tournament by Daiwa Corporation - USA. Launch began shortly after 5 a.m. each morning following the playing of the national anthem.

According to Mike Carter, in Alabama Outdoor News, Lake Guntersville is always on everybody's list of top bass lakes in the country. The lake runs 75 miles on the Tennessee River, from near the Tennessee state line to the town of Guntersville. Its miles of shallow flats are filled with grass, and the water is very fertile. It is the perfect bass factory, producing fat largemouth with some smallmouth and spots present too.

Just as COVID-19 has impacted all sports, it has changed the face of bass tournament fishing. Its guidelines imposed several restrictions for the safety of the anglers, captains, and supporters. Face coverings were required at registration, launch, and weigh-in. As anglers were in line for these events, they were required to maintain six-foot social distancing. Spectators were encouraged to watch Facebook Live for all events.

There was a three fish limit for each day. Throughout the season until the last tournament there was a five fish limit. The size limit imposed was 15 inches Largemouth, Spots, and Smallmouth. Tennessee Smallmouths had to be 18 inches, and they were allowed to keep only one of them.

Both anglers carried their



Anglers and captains at banquet...Standing L-R Larry Campbell, Trevor Lee, Taylor Renfro, Avery Padgett, Caleb DeVos, Ethan Young, Brian Lassiter, Kyle Padgett. Kneeling in front, Gunnar McCollough.



Coach Dana Haley; Ethan Young and Avery Padgett, Anglers of the Year and Big Fish Award; and Coach Larry Campbell.

fish to the scales and had to wear a buff or face covering. Pictures were taken by the official photographers and posted on the BASS Nation High School Facebook page.

Following weigh-in and pictures, the fish were taken directly to the fish care tank and later returned to the lake for future anglers to catch.

Having said all of this, the first season of the Zion Chapel High School Bass Team has come to an end. The team members admit they have learned so much. Their captains, sponsors, families, and community could not be more proud of these three teams.

The results of the state championship tournament, out of 197 boats and two days of fishing, DeVos/Lee with 7.67 pounds, 141st place; and Padgett/Young with 15.44 pounds, placed 61st. As stated earlier, they were fishing with the best of the best, and this was their first year.

To wrap up the season, the coaches honored the anglers and their captains with a banquet Friday, July 31st. A few other guests were honored as well.

The coaches stressed this dream would not have become a reality without the



Caleb DeVos and Trevor Lee weigh in 7.67 lbs to place 141 out of 197 boats at the state tournament.



Ethan Young and Avery Padgett weigh in 15.44 lbs. to place 61 out of 197 boats at the state tournament.

boat captains and the many sponsors. No question about it, they have been blessed beyond measure with the outpouring of support even through months of the pandemic.

The coaches, Dana Haley and Larry Campbell, presented each angler with a participation trophy. Team Padgett/Young received trophies for Anglers of the Year with a total of 51.88 pounds; they also received an award for Big Fish for the year.

Plans are now under way for season two. Any ZCHS student in grades 9-12, who is interested in becoming a

ZCBT angler, is invited to attend an organizational meeting Monday, August 17th. The time and place will be posted on the ZC Bass Team Facebook Page, or anyone interested may contact Dana Haley (334) 406-0498.

The Zion Chapel Bass Team will begin writing volume two of their story on Sept. 12, 2020, when they fish their first tournament of season two at Lake Martin.

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